water separately for drinking in every enclosure.

(c) Elimination of stray dogs from the campus of the zoo.

(d) Strengthening of the security in the zoo.

(e) Periodic and frequent checks regarding quality and quantity of food are made through different category of officials.

(f) Periodic checks are made to see that the animals are in good health and are eating properly.

(g) Prophylatic medicines and veterinary care are given by a full time veterinary officer of the zoo on prevent infectious disease. Besides, assistance of other veterinary officers from outside the zoo is also taken, as and when required.

Denotification of Narayan Sarovar Sanctuary, Gujarat

1588. DR. BAPU KALDATE:

SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the denotification of the Narain Sarovar Sanctuary in the Kutch region in Gujarat in violation of the norms laid down for such denotifications;

(b) whether the mandatory legislative sanction under the Wildlife Protection Act and Centre's clearance under the Forest Conservation Act had been obtained before denotifying the sanctuary; and

(c) if not, what is the reaction of Government with regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONEMNT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) The Government of Gujarat have cancelled its Notifications of the Agriculture, Forests and Cooperation Department No. AKH/62/81/WLP/ 1080/110872/P2 dated the 14th April, 1981 vide its Gazette Notification No. CVN-16(93) WLP/1092/2156/V2 dated the 27th July, 1993 thereby denotifying 765.79 sq. kms. of area of Narayan Sarovar Wildlife Sanctuary and also declared 94.87 sq. kms. of reserve forest as Chinkara Wildlife Sanctuary vide its Notification No. GVN-17(93)-WLP/1092-2156 V2 dated the 27th July, 1993.

(b) and (c) Denotification of a Sanctuary does not come under the purview of Forest (Conservaion) Act unless recorded forest lands are diverted for non-forestry use. Since no alteration of the bounderies of a sanctuary can be made except on a resolution passed by the legislature of the State, the Central Government is in correspondence with the State Government to know if the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act have been followed in cancelling the notification of the sanctuary. The response from the State Government is awaited.

Illegal Hunting of Wild Animals in Gujarat

1589. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether incidents of illegal hunting of wild animals in Gujarat have come to the notice of Government during the last two years;

(b) if so, what is the number of persons arrested and action taken against them;

(c) whether Government have formulated any scheme for combating illegal hunting of wild animals; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH):(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During 1991-92 and 1992-93, 41 and 50 persons were arrested respectively.